

salt sufficient to create an ionic environment which causes the substance to migrate from the vehicle to the skin where the substance is absorbed.

34. The method of claim 33 wherein a vehicle selected from the group consisting of topical creams, topical liquids, topical lotions and topical ointments containing the substance and the ionic salt is applied to the skin.

SC 1017 35. The method of claim 33 wherein a hydrophobic delivery vehicle containing the substance and the ionic salt is applied to the skin.

36. The method of claim 35 wherein a vehicle containing the substance within a liposome, and the ionic salt is applied to the skin.

37. The method of claim 36 wherein a vehicle containing the substance within a liposome and an ionic salt concentration sufficient to create an ionic strength environment within the liposome is applied to the skin so that the liposomes migrate from the vehicle to the skin.

38. The method of claim 33 wherein a transdermal patch containing the substance and the ionic salt is applied to the skin.

39. The method of claim 33 wherein a delivery vehicle comprising water (20-

80%), mineral oil (3-18%), glyceryl stearate [SE](0.5-12%), squalene(0.2-12%), cetyl alcohol (0.1-11%), propylene glycol stearate [SE] (0.1-11%), wheat germ oil (0.1-6%), glyceryl stearate (0.1-6%), isopropyl myristate (0.1-6%), stearyl stearate (0.1-6%), polysorbate 60 (0.1-5%), propylene glycol(0.05-5%), tocopherol acetate (0.05-5%), collagen (0.05-5%), sorbitan stearate (0.05-5%), vitamin A&D (0.02-4%), triethanolamine (0.01-4%), methylparaben (0.01-4%), aloe vera extract (0.01-4%), imidazolidinyl urea (0.01-4%), propylparaben (0.01-4%), bha (0.01-4%), L-arginine hydrochloride (0.25% to 25%), sodium chloride (0.25% to 25%), magnesium chloride (0.25% to 25%) is applied to the skin.

40. The method of claim 39 wherein a delivery vehicle also including choline chloride (0.25-25%) is applied to the skin.

41. The method of claim 39 wherein a delivery vehicle containing L-arginine glutamate (0.25-25%) is applied to the skin.

42. A method of treating impotence in a male comprising delivering a nitric oxide releasing substance selected from a member of the group consisting of L-arginine, L-arginine salts and L-arginine derivatives, to the penis by topically applying to the penis a vehicle containing an effective amount of the substance, and a concentration of ionic salt sufficient to

create an ionic environment which causes the substance to migrate from the vehicle to the penis where the substance is absorbed.

43. The method of claim 42 wherein a vehicle selected from the group consisting of topical creams, topical liquids, topical lotions and topical ointments containing the substance and the ionic salt is applied to the penis.

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44. The method of claim 42 wherein a hydrophobic delivery vehicle containing the substance and the ionic salt is applied to the penis.

45. The method of claim 35 wherein a vehicle containing the substance within a liposome, and the ionic salt is applied to the penis.

46. The method of claim 42 wherein a vehicle containing the substance within a liposome and an ionic salt concentration sufficient to create an ionic strength environment within the liposome is applied to the penis so that the liposomes migrate from the vehicle to the penis.

47. The method of claim 42 wherein a delivery vehicle comprising water (20-80%), mineral oil (3-18%), glyceryl stearate [SE](0.5-12%), squalene(0.2-12%), cetyl alcohol (0.1-11%), propylene glycol stearate [SE] (0.1-11%), wheat germ oil (0.1-6%), glyceryl stearate (0.1-6%), isopropyl myristate

(0.1-6%), stearyl stearate (0.1-6%), polysorbate 60 (0.1-5%), propylene glycol(0.05-5%), tocopherol acetate (0.05-5%), collagen (0.05-5%), sorbitan stearate (0.05-5%), vitamin A&D (0.02-4%), triethanolamine (0.01-4%), methylparaben (0.01-4%), aloe vera extract (0.01-4%), imidazolidinyl urea (0.01-4%), propylparaben (0.01-4%), bha (0.01-4%), L-arginine hydrochloride (0.25% to 25%), sodium chloride (0.25% to 25%), magnesium chloride (0.25% to 25%) is applied to the penis.

48. The method of claim 47 wherein a delivery vehicle comprising choline chloride (0.25-25%) is applied to the penis.

49. The method of claim 47 wherein a delivery vehicle containing L-arginine glutamate (0.25-25%) is applied to the penis.

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50. The method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the delivery vehicle is contained in a condom which is placed on the penis.

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51. A method of promoting hair growth comprising delivering a nitric oxide releasing substance selected from a member of the group consisting of L-arginine, L-arginine salts and L-arginine derivatives, a selected area of the skin where hair growth is desired by topically applying to the selected area of skin where hair growth is desired a vehicle containing an

effective amount of the substance, and a concentration of ionic salt sufficient to create an ionic environment which causes the substance to migrate from the vehicle to the selected area of skin where the substance is absorbed.

52. The method of claim 51 wherein a vehicle selected from the group consisting of topical creams, topical liquids, topical lotions and topical ointments containing the substance and the ionic salt is applied to the selected area of skin where hair growth is desired.

53. The method of claim 51 wherein a hydrophobic delivery vehicle containing the substance and the ionic salt is applied to the selected area of skin where hair growth is desired.

54. The method of claim 53 wherein a vehicle containing the substance within a liposome, and the ionic salt is applied to the selected area of skin where hair growth is desired.

55. The method of claim 54 wherein a vehicle containing the substance within a liposome and an ionic salt concentration sufficient to create an ionic strength environment within the liposome is applied to the selected area of skin so that the liposomes migrate from the vehicle to the skin where hair growth is desired.

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Sub 56 → 56. The method of claim 51 wherein a delivery vehicle comprising water (20-80%), mineral oil (3-18%), glyceryl stearate [SE](0.5-12%), squalene(0.2-12%), cetyl alcohol (0.1-11%), propylene glycol stearate [SE] (0.1-11%), wheat germ oil (0.1-6%), glyceryl stearate (0.1-6%), isopropyl myristate (0.1-6%), stearyl stearate (0.1-6%), polysorbate 60 (0.1-5%), propylene glycol(0.05-5%), tocopherol acetate (0.05-5%), collagen (0.05-5%), sorbitan stearate (0.05-5%), vitamin A&D (0.02-4%), triethanolamine (0.01-4%), methylparaben (0.01-4%), aloe vera extract (0.01-4%), imidazolidinyl urea (0.01-4%), propylparaben (0.01-4%), bha (0.01-4%), L-arginine hydrochloride (0.25% to 25%), sodium chloride (0.25% to 25%), magnesium chloride (0.25% to 25%) is applied to the selected area of skin where hair growth is desired.

57. The method of claim 56 wherein a delivery vehicle comprising choline chloride (0.25-25%) is applied to the selected area of skin where hair growth is desired.

58. The method of claim 56 wherein a delivery vehicle also comprising L-arginine glutamate (0.25-25%) is applied to the selected area of skin where hair growth is desired.

Sub 57 → 59. The method of claim 51 wherein a transdermal patch containing the substance and the ionic salt is applied to the skin where hair growth is desired.